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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24: ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) USUN 3698; (B) STATE 196070; (C) ADDIS 9914,
(D) ABIDJAN 6941 AND PREVIOUS.

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PUERTO RICAN ISSUE WITH FONMIN KIFLE MORNING AUGUST 19. AMBASSADOR STATED HE WAS ACTING UNDER DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND POINTED OUT THE URGENT NATURE OF THE ISSUE. HE EMPHASIZED U.S. VIEW THAT EVEN THE REVISED PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION WAS HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE TO U.S. ACCORDING TO U.S. SOURCES, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, ETHIOPIAN UN REP DOES NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION.

2. KIFLE APPEARED QUITE FAMILIAR WITH BACKGROUND OF PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. IT WAS EPMG'S INCLINATION, HE SAID, NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUERTO RICAN VOTE BECAUSE ETHIOPIA WOULD BE IN A SMALL MINORITY IF IT VOTED NO. ETHIOPIA, HE SAID, ESPECIALLY DID NOT WANT TO BE THE ONLY AFRICAN NATION TO SO VOTE.

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3. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WERE DEFINITELY VOTING NO, INCLUDING THE IVORY COAST. KIFLE STATED HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT THE IVORY COAST WAS MORE LIKELY TO ABSTAIN OR NOT PARTICIPATE. NEVERTHELESS, HE CONCLUDED BY PROMISING TO RECONSIDER ETHIOPIA'S INSTRUCTIONS TOWARDS THE DELEGATION. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ON EPMG DECISION.
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